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**Letter dated 15 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to forward a letter addressed to you from Mr. Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea, concerning the acts of destabilization by the United States Administration in the Horn of Africa, which I received today (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tesfa Alem Seyoum
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 15 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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You will recall the protest lodged by my Government in our previous communications concerning the "new" invasion perpetrated by the Ethiopian regime in Musa Ali. Eritrea did not report the matter at the date that it occurred simply because we could not consider this act in isolation from the bigger picture of Ethiopia's illegal occupation of our sovereign territories for the last six years.

Ethiopia's occupation of Musa Ali should have rung the "alarm bell" to the United Nations Security Council. But we raised the matter only in order to underscore its ramifications in the context of the "Djibouti card" that the US Administration concocted within its now familiar strategy of "compounding and overshadowing a prevailing crisis by fomenting another new crisis".

As we have pointed out repeatedly, the US Administration has misused its leverage in the United Nations Security Council to paralyse implementation of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission and to impede the respect of the rule of law for the last six years. Its numerous attempts to divert attention from the core issue by raising tangential matters have not, also, been fully successful. Nonetheless, its objective of derailing the legal process continues unabated. We are indeed fully aware of the "game plan" that is being contrived, as well as the overt campaign that is already under way, under the rubric of "UNMEE's future mandate". In the event, we wish to stress to the United Nations Security Council, from the outset and in advance, that this transparent ploy will not be acceptable and can only be doomed to failure.

But above all, we wish to reiterate our call to the United Nations Security Council to seriously examine the acts of destabilization that the US Administration is fomenting day in and day out in our region and to seek appropriate remedies to the dangerous trend.

(Signed) Isaias Afwerki